

ARTICLES to be inquired of by

*the Church wardens and Sidemen of
euerie parish within the Diocese of Can-
terburie, wherunto by vertue of their othes
they are to make answere severally
to euerie Article.*

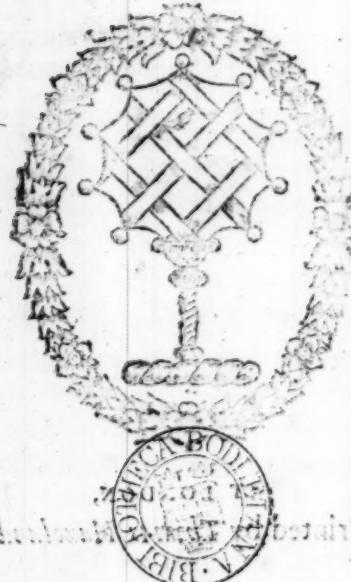
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IN THE COUNCILS AND CHAMBERS OF THE
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AND IN THE COURTS OF CHANCERY,
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I

Wether doth your Parson, Vicar, or
Curate, four times (at the least) in a
yeare, teach, open, manifest and declare,
in his or their sermons, and other colla-
tions, and lectures, that all usurped, &
foraine power is for most iust causes
taken away and abolished?

II

Whether is there any within your parish, that
hath affirmed, or doth affirme, that the forme of
Gods worship in the Church of England, estab-
lished by law, and contained in the booke of common
Praier, and Administration of Sacraments, is a
corrupt, superstitious, or vnlawfull worship, or con-
tanceth any thing in it that is repugnant to the scrip-
tures, and what be their names, and sur-names that
haue so affirmed, or do so affirme?

III

Whether is there any within your Parish, that
hate, or doe affirme, that the Rites, and Ceremonies
of the Church of England by law established, are
wicked, Antichristian, or Superstitious, or such as being
commanded by lawfull Authoritie, men who are zeal-
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lously, and godly affected, may not with any good conscience approue them, vse them, or as occasion requireth subscribe vnto them, and who they bee?

III

Whether is there any within your parish, minister, or other person, that doth affirme that Conuenticles are lawfull, that is, that there are within this realme other meetings, assemblies, or congregations of the Kings borne Subiects, then such as by the lawes of this Land are held, or allowed, which may rightly challenge to themselues the name of true, and lawfull Churches, or that doe affirme that it is lawfull for any sort of ministers, and Lay persons, or any of them to ioin together, and make rules, orders, or constitutions in causes Ecclesiasticall, without the Kings authority, & shal submit themselues to be ruled & gouerned by them, & who they be that so do affirme?

V

Whether is there a common fame in your parish, that your Parson, or Vicar hath obtained his Benefice by Simony, or any other unlawfull meanes?

VI

Whether common praier bee said, or sung in your Church or chappell vpon Sunndays, and Holi daies at conuenient houres, in such order as is prescribed in the booke of common Praier, without either diminishing in regard of preaching, or any other respect, or adding any thing in the manner and forme thereof?

VII

Whether doth your minister vpon Mednesdaies and

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and Fridaies not beeing Hollidaies, reade in your Church or chappell publikely the Letany, and other praayers appointed in the said booke for those daies, and whether doth he reade the Commination against sinners as it is there prescribed ?

VIII

Whether the holy Sacraments be duely administered as by the booke of common prائر is required, and whether the holy Communion bee administered by your minister to any but to such as kneele ?

IX

Whether in the administration of Baptisme, your minister signeth the children with the signe of the crosse vpon the foreheads, according to the booke of common prائر ?

X

Whether haue all persons within your parish of sufficient age, viz. of sixteene yeeres of age and upward received the holy Communion thrice in the last yeere, and namely at Easter last for once ?

XI

Whether hath your minister admitted to the receiving of the holy Communion any open, and notorious sinner, or malicious person that is notoriously knowne, to be out of charity without due reconciliatiōn ?

XII

Whether hath your minister rejected any from the Communion, who is not by publique fame or by presentment of the Churchwardens detected for a notorious fornicator, adulterer, or other wicked liuer, by whom publike offence is givēn ?

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XIII

Whether hath your Minister admitted any to the receiving of the holy Communion that are common, and notorious deprauers of the booke of common Praier, and administration of the Sacraments, and of the orders, rites, & ceremonies therin prescribed?

XIV

Whether hath your Minister admitted any to the holy Communion that are not of his owne parish?

XV

Whether hath your Minister admitted any person to be Godfather or Godmother to any childe, before the same person so vndertaking hath received the holy Communion?

XVI

Whether your Minister being beneficed, & allowed a Preacher and residing on his benefice doe in his owne Cure or in some other Church or Chappell neere adioining (where no Preacher is) preach one Sermon every Sunday of the yeere?

XVII

Whether your Minister being beneficed and not allowed a Preacher, doe procure Sermons to be preached in his Cure once in every month at the least, by lawfully licensed Preachers, and whether on such daies as there is no preaching, hee doe reade one of the Homilies prescribed or to bee prescribed by authoritie?

XVIII

Whether your Minister hath two Benefices, & if hee hath whether doth hee maintaine a licensed Prea-

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Preacher in the benefice where hee doth not reside,
or doth he himselfe preach bially at them both?

XIX

Whether the Curate of your Parish (if you haue
any) be licensed from the Bishop, or Ordinary of the
place, and whether doth he serue any more then one
Church or Chappell in one day?

XX

Whether your Minister being not a licensed Preach-
er, doe take vpon him to expound in his own Cure
or elsewhere, any Scripture or matter of Doctrine?

XXI

Whether hath any man Preached within your
Church or Chappell that hath not shewed his license
to Preach, and whether haue you taken the names
of all such as haue Preached in your Church or
Chappell, and noted them in a booke, and whether
haue the same Preachers subscribed their names to
the same note, sotaken, together with the day when
they Preached, and the name of the Bishop of whom
they obtained license to Preach?

XXII

Whether any Preacher in your Parish Church
particularly, or namely of purpose, haue impugned, or
confuted any former Doctrines there before deliv-
ered, or in any other Church neare adioining, wherby
upon such publike dissenting & contradicting there
hath or might grow offence, and disquietnesse vnto
the people?

XXIII

Whether your Minister before his Sermons,
Lectures

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Lectures, or Homilies doe obserue the order of pray-
ing set forth and commanded in the fiftie & fiftie Con-
stitution of the Canons treated and agreed vpon in
Anno Domini one thousand six hundred and three :

XXIIII

Whether there be any person within your Parish,
that doth refuse to haue his childe baptised by a Mi-
nister, that is no Preacher, and to receue the holy
Communion at his hands in that respect, or in the
same foresaid respect doth leauue his owne parish
Church, or cause his childe or children to be baptised
in other parishes abroad, and what be their names
that haue offended therein :

XXV

Whether your Minister in reading publike pray-
er and administration of the Sacraments, or other
rites of the Church, doe weare the Surplice, & be-
ing a Graduate doth weare vpon his surplice such a
hoode as by order of the Universitie is agreeable to
his degree :

XXVI

Whether doth your minister vpon every sunday &
holiday before euening praier halfe an houre at the
least, examine and instruct the youth and ignorant
persons of his parish in the ten Commandements,
the articles of the beliefe, and in the Lord's praier, &
heare and instruct them in the catechisme set forth in
the booke of common praier :

XXVII

Whether do the masters and mistresses of families
within your parish, cause their children, seruants, &
appren-

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apprentices, which haue not learned the Catechisme
to come to the Church at the time appointed, & who
they bee which being sent, wilfully refuse to come o-
bediently to heare and to be ordered by the minister :

XXVIII

Whethere haue any beeene married in your parish
Church or chappell, not hauing obtained a faculty or
license thereunto, except the bannes of matrimony
haue beeene thre times severall Sundaises or holli-
daies first published, and whether haue any beeene
married in your Church or chappell, vnder the age of
one and twenty yeares, to which said marriage the
consent of parents or gouernours hath not beeene
first obtained and made knowone to the minister that
married them :

XXIX

Whether doth your minister visit the sick, to in-
struct and comfort them being called in their distresse,
and whether vpon the death of any your parishioners
there be ringing any more then one short peale, and
one other before the buriall, and one other after the
buriall :

XXX

Whether hath your minister refused or delayed to
christen any child according to the forme of the booke
of common praier, that is brought vnto him upon
sundaises or hollydaies, or to bury any corps brought
to the Church or churchyard, conuenient warning
being gien him thereof before, in such manner and

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soame as is prescribed in the said booke of common
p[re]yer, and how often he hath so offended herein:

XXXI

Whether any doe keepe their childe or children vn-
baptised longer then is conuenient, vniessle it be for
sicknesse of the childe or other urgent occasion?

XXXII

Whether your minister having beene duly infor-
med of the weakenesse and danger of death of any
infant unbaptised in his parish, and thereupon de-
sired to go or come to the place where the said in-
fant remaineth to baptise the same, haue willfully
refused, or of grosse negligence deferred, so as any
such infant by his default haue died unbaptised?

XXXIII

Whether haue you a parchment booke for the
registering of all christnings, weddings, and burials,
and whether is the same booke safel[y] kept in a cofer
with three lockes and keys, one remaining with the
minister, and the other two with the Churchwardens
severally, and whether vpon every sabbath day, im-
mediately after morning or euening p[re]yer, the mi-
nister and Churchwardens doe write and record in
the said booke the names of all persons christened,
married and buried in the weeke before, and the day
and yeare of every such christning, marriage, and bu-
rial, and whether haue you transmitted unto the Or-
dinary a true copie of the names of all persons chri-
stened, married, and buried in your said parish, in this
last yeare ended on the five and twenty day of March
last past.

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Whether haue you in your Church or chappell a booke of Canons of the last Parliament, in the yeere one thousand six hundred and three, and whether hath your minister read all the same Canons publickly in your Church or chappell, once this last yeere?

XXXV

Whether hath your minister preached or administered the Sacraments of the bodie and blood of our Sauour Christ in any priuate house, except it be in times of necessitie, to such as are so impotent as they cannot goe to the Church, or dangerously sicke, and desir to be pakkakers of that holy Sacrament?

XXXVI

Whether doth your minister vsually weare a gown with a standing collar, with sleeveis strait at the hands, or with wide sleeveis, and being a Graduate, a hoode or tippet of silke or satinet, and a squire cap, or being no Graduate, doth weare the like apparell, the tippet onely excepted, and whether doth he vsually weare in iorneyng a cloake with sleeveis, com- monly called a Priests cloake, without gards or welts, or long buttons, or cnes, and whether doth he weare any other then a night cap of blacke silke, sat- tin or veluet?

XXXVII

Whether doth your minister at any time, other then for his honest necessitie, resort to any taverne or alehouse, or doth he bord or lodge in any such place, or doth he giue himselfe to any base or servile laddie,

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or to drinking, or riot, spending his time idly by day or by night, playing at dice, cards or tables or any other unlawfull games?

XXXVIII

Whether haue you any Scholemaster in your parish that teacheth either in publike schoole or private house, being not allowed by the Ordinary vnder his hand and seale, and whether hee is of sober and honest conuersation?

XXXIX

Whether doth your Scholemaster teach and instruct his schollers in the larger or shorter catechisme by publike authority set forth, and bring his schollers to prayers and sermons on holiedaies and festuall daies, and whether doth hee teach the Grammar set forth by King Henry the eight, and continued in the time of King Edward the sixt, and Queene Elizabeth of noble memory, and none other.

XL

Whether any in your parish doe practise Physicke or Chirurgery, and what be their names?

XLI

Whether haue you in your Church or chappell a font of stone, and whether is the same set in the v-suall place, and whether be all your bels unbroken, and whether any of them be lately sold or imbeseled away.

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XLII

Whether haue you in your Church or Chappell the booke of commonon priaier lately explained by his Maesties authority, and whether haue you a Bible of the largest volume, and booke s of homilie s allow- ed by authoztie ?

XLIII

Whether is your Communion table kept, repai- red in seemely maner, couered in time of divine ser- vice, with a carpet of silke or other decent stoffe, and with a faire linnen cloth at the time of Administrati- on ?

XLIII

Whether haue you the ten Commandement s set upon the east end of your Church or chappell where the people may best see and reade the same, and whe- ther haue you a conuenient seate for your Minister to read service in ?

XLV

Whether hath there growne in your parish any con- testion betweene any of the parishioners touching the placing or displacing of any in any seate or pue in the Church, and whether there hath beene any pew builded of late in your Church or chappell without the expresse leauue and consent of the Ordinary of the Diocesse, and by whom hath the same beene built ?

XLVI

Whether haue you a decent Pulpit placed conue- niently in your Church or chappell, and there seeme- ly kept for the preaching of Gods word ?

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XLVII

Whether haue you in your Church a strong chest
with a hole in the upper part thereof, with 3 locks
and keies prouided for the almes giuen to the poore,
and whether are the same keies kept, one with your
Vicar, Parson or Curate, and the other two with the
Churchwardens severally:

XLVIII

Whether is your Church or chappell and chancell
well and sufficienly repaired and maintained, the
windowes well glased, the flooress well paued and
kept cleanly and seemely, as becommeth the house of
God, and whether is your Parsonage or Vicaridge
house kept well repaired:

XLIX

Whether is your Churchyard well and sufficient-
ly repaired, fenced and maintained with walles, rales
or pales, as hath beeene accustomed:

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Whether are there any that haue heretofore bin
denounced & yet stand excommunicate, that doe re-
sort to your Church or chappell to here deuine seruice,
and who they be:

LI

Whether haue you in your Parish any disordered
persons, that haue quarelled, fought or brawled in
your Church or chappell, or Churchyard, and what
be their names?

LII

Whether haue you any plaiers, feasts & banquets,
suppers, Churchales, drinkings, temporall loures,
leetes,

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leetes, lay Juries, musters, or any other prophane
blisse kept in your Church or chappell, or Church-
yard, or haue any superstitious ringing of bells vpon
holidays or Evenes?

L III

Whether haue your Churchwardens of the last
yeere giuen by accownt before the minister and
parishioners, of such money as they haue received, &
how particularlly they haue bestowed the same, and
whether if any money remained in their hands vpon
the same their accownts, haue they deliuered ouer
the same unto you the next Church wardens by bill
indented?

L IIII

Whether haue you in your Church or Chappell a
Table of degrees of Marriages forbidden, set forth
by authoritie in the yeere of our Lord God one thou-
sand five hundred three score and three, and whether
is the same Table hanged in a conuenient place in
your said Church or chappell?

L V

Whether any persons haue beeene married (within
your Church or chappell, or in other places) and now
dwell in your said parish) within degrees forbidden in
the Table aforesaid, or that being Divorced or Se-
parated for the same, do yet notwithstanding cohabit
and keepe company still together, and what they bee?

L VI

Whether haue you in your Parish any persons
that being Married within those degrees forbidden
haue unlawfully forslaken their Wives, or Husbands
and

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and married others, and who they be?

LVII

Whether haue any in your said Parish offended their brethren by Adultery, Whoredome, Incest, or Drunkennesse, or by Blasphemie, Swearing, Ribaldrie, Usury, or any other uncleannessesse, & wickednes of life, & who they be that haue offended, & with whom? And whether hath your Minister admitted any such offenders to the holy Communion before they are reformed?

LVIII

Whether haue you any in your Parish which be commonly noted to be Malicious, Contentious, Uncharitable persons, Raylers, Scolders or sowers of Discord betweene Neighbours, and especially Raylers against Ministers, and their Marriages, and what be their names?

LIX

Whether do you know any within your Parish or els where that is a hinderer of the word of God to be read or sincerely Preached, or a fauorizer of any blaspemed or forraigne power, or defender of Popish and erroneous Doctrine, and what be their names?

LX

Whether are there any in your Parish which haue themselves rudely, or disorderly in the Church, or which by untimely ringing of Bells, by Walking, Talking, or otherwise shall hinder or disturbe the Minister or Preacher.

LXI

Whether haue you a comely Pulpit cloth or Lushion

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on of **Hilke** or such like instead thereof, a Communion Cup of **Siluer**, and a comely large **Surplice** with wide sleevees for your Minister to weare?

LXII

Whether there be any Preaching, reading of Lectures, expounding of the Scriptures, Catechising, or other like exercizes in private places, or families, or administering of either of the Sacraments, where-to others not of the same family doe resort, and what they be that maintaine such meetings, and who resort to their houses?

LXIII

Whether there be any in your parish that are noted, knowne, or suspected, to conceale or keepe hidden any **Massebookes**, **Portelles**, **Breviaries**, or other **Bookes** of **Poerty**, and **superstition**, or any **Chalices**, **Lopes**, or other **Westments**, or ornaments of **Supersticion**, uncancelled and vndefaced, which is to be conjectured they keepe for a day as they call it. And who they be?

LXIV

Whether your Parson or Vicar be resident vpon his Benefice, and keepe Hospitality, or no, and if he may dispend twenty pound or aboue by the yeere, and be not resident, whether doth hee distribute the forty part of that Benefice where hee is not resident vpon the poore of the Parish?

LXV

Whether the people of your Parish doe diligently resort to your Parish Church and Chappell on the Holiedaies, and especially on the Sundaues to mor-

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ning and Evening praier, and then there abide or-
derly, and soberly during the time of common praier,
Homilies, Preachings, and other Service of God
there vled, and who they be that offend herein?

LXVI

Whether there be in your Parish any Popish or
Sectary recusant, which for any cause whatsoeuer
forbear to come to Church to common Praier, or to
heare Gods word preached, and what their name or
names are, and how long they haue beeene recusants?

LXVII

Whether the forfeiture of twelue pence for every
absence from common Praier hath beeene levied and
taken, according to a Statute made in the first yeere
of the Raigne of late Queene Elizabeth, of every per-
son that hath offended, and namely of Minstrels,
and others that upon the Sundaires and Hollidaies
goe to other parishes to play or dance, and to other
vaine pastimes: And how hath the same forfeitures
beeene bestowed?

LXVIII

Whether be there any in your Parish, or resorting
therunto which be suspected to be Massing Priests,
Reconcilers, Jesuits, Seminaries; or any other per-
sons which haue receuied any Orders or Authority
from the Romish Church, and what be their names,
and who enterteine them?

LXIX

Whether there bee any that haue married two
Wives or two Husbands both living, or that lue
not together with their Wives; or that haue made
secret

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Secret Contracts and liue as Man and wife which
haue beene secretly married out of the parishes
where they dwell, and who they be?

LXX

Whether any persons in your parish being divorced
or seperated a sunder, haue married againe, the former
divorced husband or wife being not first dead, or haue
you in your Parish any married couples that liue not
together, but slanderously liue aparte?

LXXI

Whether your Minister haue Churched any un-
married woman that hath been delivered of a Child
unlawfully begotten, before she haue acknowledged
her fault openly according to the Order inioined her
by the Ordinary or his Deputy?

LXXII

Whether doe you euery yeere in Rogation weeke
walke the Preambulacion of the Circuitte of your
Parish, and especially at such places in your said Cir-
cuite as are in any controuerzie: And if this be not
obserued in whom the fault resteth?

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Whether there be any married woman or others
within your parishes which after childdbirth refuse or
contemne to come to Church to gue God thanks for
their delivery according to the booke of common prayer

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Whether there be any Inkeepers, Alewives, Uic-
tuallers, or Tipplers, that suffer or doe admit any
person or persons in their houses, to eate, drinke, or
play at Cards, or any unlawfull games, in the tyme

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of common praier, or Sermon on the Sundries,
or Holiedaies : And who they be that suffer and ad-
mit them, and what they be that so are suffered and
admitted ?

LXXV

Whether there are any shops kept open in the time
of diuine Seruice or Sermons on Holidaies, but e-
specially whether doe any sell any wares on the Sa-
bath daies, or Butchers, Bakers, and Brewers, sell
flesh, carry out bread, or serue in beare on the Sabbath
daies, and what be their names that so offend and vi-
olate the same daies ?

LXXVI

Whether if any faire fall on the Sabbath day
there be any shewing of Wares at all that day, but
especiallly before Seruice done in the forenoone of
the same day ?

LXXVII

Whether there be any man or woman within your
parish, that useth witchcraft, Sorcery, or unlawfull
praier, Innuocations, Inchantmentes, or Charmes
vpon any Christian body, or Beast, or any resorzech
to any such for help, and who they be ?

LXXVIII

Whether any haue lately departed your Parish
hauing left behinde them a scandall of some crime
committed, or which by common fame are reputed
to haue lied in Adultery, Fornication, or Inconti-
nencie while they were of your parish, and who they
bee, and where they now liue, and who harboureth
them, or any other in your parish that is suspected to
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haue liued incontinently?

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Whether any of late are come into your parish from some other parish or parishes which by common fame are reputed and taken to haue liued in Adulterie, fornication, or any other vncleannessesse before they came into your said parish?

LXXX

Whether your Churchwardens of the last yeere haue sold any Church goods, and what they haue so sold, and how the same hath beeene emp'loied?

LXXXI

Whether are there any within your Parish that haue suppressed the wills of any dying within your parish, or other places, that with-hold any Legacies giuen to the poore, or from Orphants, or giuen to any godly uses, and who they be?

LXXXII

Whether doe the Ouerseers of your poore duely see that the Money collected to the vse of your poore be well imployed where most neede is according to the lawes: And whether doe any refuse to pay their Hesses to the vse of the poore?

LXXXIII

Whether any notorious Recusant who obstinately refuseth to be partaker with the Church of England in publike praier and hearing of the word of God preached, who is for his disobedience and contempt Excommunicate and dieth Excommunicate, be buried in Christian Buriall not hauing before his death sought to be absolved?

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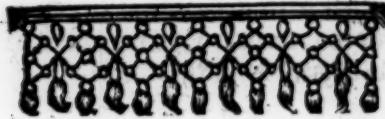
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Whether there be any Enormities against these Articles or any part therof that haue not ben presented by you or the Churchwardens & Sidemen that haue beeene before you, or which beeing heretofore presented haue not hitherto beeene called vpon, and Corrected, and if there bee any such, you are now to present the same :

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